

REMARKS

The following remarks are offered in complete response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2006. In light of these remarks, reconsideration of the requirements and examination of all of the claimed subject matter on the merits are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-7 and 9-50 will be in this application. Claims 19-24 have been allowed. Claims 1-6 and 9-18 were previously rejected. Claim 7 had been objected to. Newly added Claims 25-50, which depend from allowed Claims 19 and 22, should be deemed allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to require hydrofluoric acid in the solvent heel and that the introduction controls the ratio of hydrofluoric acid, including free hydrofluoric acid and hydrofluoric acid added to isocyanate groups, to isocyanate functional groups, real or masked in carbamoyl fluoride form. Support for these amendments is found on page 5 lines 22-27 of the specification. Claim 5 has been amended to replace the word "which" with "and" to remove possible ambiguity over which species (solvent or hydrofluoric acid) does not react the carbamoyl fluoride. Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to include the limitation that the introduction controls the ratio of hydrofluoric acid, including free hydrofluoric acid and hydrofluoric acid added to isocyanate groups, to isocyanate functional groups, real or masked in carbamoyl fluoride form. Support for these amendments is found on page 5 lines 22-27 of the specification.

New Claims 25-37 depend from Claim 19. The claims parallel Claims 2-6 and 9-16. New Claims 38-50 depend from Claim 22. The claims also parallel Claims 2-6

and 9-16. Support for these amendments to these claims are found at least in the following areas of the specification:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Support in Specification</u>
25, 38	page 3, lines 19, 20
26, 39	page 3, lines 21-23
27, 40	page 3, line 25 - page 4, line 7
28, 41	page 4, lines 8-11
29, 42	page 4, lines 23 - 26
30, 43	page 17, lines 15-18
31, 44	page 6, lines 21 - 24
32, 45	page 6, lines 21 - 26
33, 46	page 7, lines 2 - 4
34, 47	page 10, lines 19 - 21
35, 48	page 7, line 8 - page 8 line 13
36, 49	page 19, lines 12-15
37, 50	page 19, lines 12-15

No new matter has been added in making these amendments.

Claim 7 has been cancelled because the suggested claim amendments given in the Office Action would make Claim 7 redundant with Claim 22.

Claims 1-6 and 9-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, base on a disclosure which is not enabling. The Examiner has indicated that the ratio of hydrofluoric acid to carbamoyl fluoride is critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but is not included in the claims.

Claims 1, 17 and 18 have been amended to indicate that the introduction controls the ratio of hydrofluoric acid, including free hydrofluoric acid and hydrofluoric acid added to isocyanate groups, to isocyanate functional groups, real or masked in carbamoyl fluoride form. Allowed Claims 22-24 contained this limitation and further specified that the limits for the ratios are at most 5, 0.3 and 0.1, respectively. Claims 1, 17 and 18 should now be deemed allowed. Claims 2-6 and 9-16, which depend from Claim 1 should also be deemed allowed.

From the foregoing, Applicants earnestly solicit further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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